

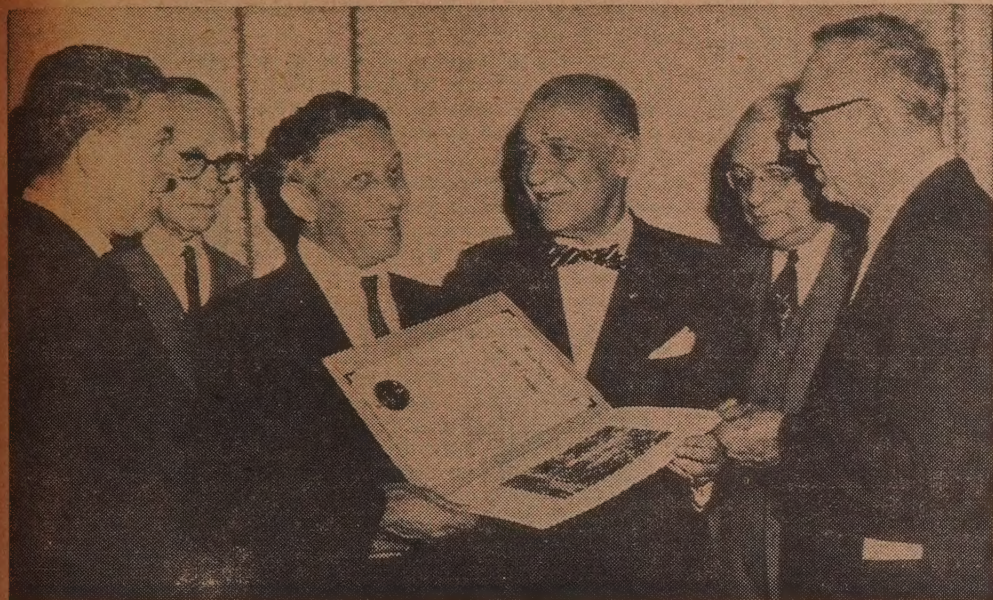


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PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL HONORS ALESSANDRONI

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrone of the Court of Common Pleas No. 5, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, third from right, accepts City Council resolution commending his leadership in Columbus Day activities and other civic functions. From left to right, Judge Victor DiNubile, Judge Maurice Sporkin, Councilman Samuel Rose, Judge Alessandrone, Judge Leo Weinrott and Judge Joseph Sloane.



JOSEPH A. L. ERRIGO
Immigration Chairman

Errigo Named Chairman of Immigration

Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo of Wilmington, Del., has been named Acting Chairman of the Order's Committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass.

Brother Errigo succeeds the late Palmer DiGiulio of Joliet, Ill., who had served as committee chairman since 1955. Errigo has served as a member of the committee for a number of years.

The Wilmington attorney has been a member of the Order since 1936 and has served as Grand Venerable of the Delaware Order. He was elected to the office of Supreme Recording Secretary at the 1957 Supreme Lodge convention held at San Francisco.

Illinois Lodge Initiation

Testimonial To Spatuzza

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Supreme and Grand Lodge officers and civic leaders were among the guests paying tribute to Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, at a testimonial banquet sponsored by members of Rockford Vigo Lodge No. 1637.

Earlier in the day, Brother Spatuzza had presided at the initiation of a class of 50 new members. The new class was pre-

sented for induction in his honor at ceremonies held in St. Mary Society Hall. Brother Spatuzza was assisted by Supreme Trustee Peter Porzio.

Honorary Grand Venerable

Brother Spatuzza, honorary Grand Venerable of the Illinois Order, was honored for his outstanding service to the Grand Lodge and to the Order.

Venerable Riccotta, who recruited a number of new members for the class, spoke and served as master of ceremonies. Speakers included Ex-Supreme Venerable Spatuzza, Supreme Trustee Porzio, Grand Recording Secretary Vito D. Signorile, and Grand Trustee Domenick M. Alberti.

Speaking at the banquet, Brother Spatuzza told his audience that the Order can help its members take an active interest in American civic affairs and can help "conquer the ungodly philosophy of communism in Italy."

The Ex-Supreme Venerable discussed the letter writing campaign by the Order in 1948 to warn friends and relatives in Italy of the dangers of communism.

He said the 1948 letters to Italy campaign contributed materially to the defeat of communists seeking election to the Italian parliament.

He also spoke of the Order's fight to gain a just peace for Italy at the close of the war, and

the Order's constant struggle for good immigration laws.

Speakers

Other speakers included Mayor Benjamin T. Schleicher, City Sealer Ross Nicosia, City Atty. Mathew Cicero, Alderman Anthony M. Fiorenza, Alderman T. Giorgy and the Rev. Fr. Anastatius Kuzdrasz of St. Anthony's Church. Grand Trustee Frank St. Angel was toastmaster.

Attending were delegations from the following organizations,

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3 New Lodges, 293 Initiated Reports Show

LATEST REPORTS: Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania initiates Custodes Pacis Lodge, organizes The Main Line Lodge in Philadelphia; Youth Lodge organized in San Diego, Calif.; 50 initiated at Rockford, Ill.; Wildwood, N. J. Lodge inducts 40; 193 inducted into New Jersey Order in last quarter of 1958.

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA — The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has organized a new lodge in this city composed entirely of policemen, firemen and peace officers of Italian descent.

The new lodge, Custodes Pacis Lodge No. 2085, was inducted at ceremonies conducted by the Grand Lodge Degree Team. President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrone, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, presided.

Assistant District Attorney Armand DellaPorta was installed as Venerable of the lodge which boasts a present membership of more than 300.

The new lodge will continue to recruit new members from a potential force of 1000 men of Italian descent now employed as firemen, policemen, guards and deputy sheriffs.

The Delaware Valley Lodge was the sponsoring lodge.

Other officers are, Michael Rappaselli, assistant venerable; Charles Peruto, orator; Frank Yannoni, recording secretary; Pat Scarpello, financial secretary; Louis Santamaria, treasurer; Joseph Pisano, Frank Barone, Nick Buonasorte, Joseph Grecco, Amerigo Finizio, trustees; Anthony Melchiorre and Anthony Pisano, masters of ceremony; Frank Tiesi, sentinel.

John Antonucci is Grand Deputy for the Pacis Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA—A new lodge will be inducted into the Order April 19 at ceremonies to be held in the Sons of Italy Building.

The Main Line Lodge No. 2086, with approximately 300 members, was organized by Mrs. Agnes Orsatti, wife of Arnold Orsatti, venerable of Greater Delaware Valley Lodge.

CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta presided at the inauguration and installation of the new Italian Youth of San Diego Lodge.

Officers of the new Youth Lodge were installed in joint ceremonies with officers of Fratelli.

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ANTHONY JULIAN
Federal Judge

U. S. Court Judgeship For Julian

Past Grand Venerable Anthony Julian, Watertown, U. S. Attorney for Massachusetts, has been named by President Eisenhower to the Federal District Court.

Julian, who was admitted to the bar in 1929, was recommended for the appointment by U. S. Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts.

Chairman of the Order's National Insurance Committee, Julian has been a member of the Sons of Italy for more than 25 years. He is a member of Plave-Fiume Lodge No. 1036.

Brother Julian has served as United States Attorney since 1953. His office was commended in 1957 by Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. for outstanding achievement.

He is a graduate of Boston College and the Harvard Law School, where he received his law degree in 1929. He also served for a time on the faculty of Boston College and Boston University.

Soon after the outbreak of war, he enlisted into the United States

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Toronto Meeting Agenda

The following agenda was mailed to members of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council, Grand Venerables and chairmen of standing committees of the Supreme Lodge. Supreme Venerable Gorrasi will preside at the two-day sessions to be held April 4 and 5 at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Canada.

AGENDA

April 4—10:00 A.M.

- (1) Meeting will be called to order by Supreme Venerable.
- (2) Invocation by Rev. Father Hayes, C. S. S. R. of Mount Carmel Church.
- (3) Welcome by Brother Anthony Farano, Grand Venerable of the Ontario Grand Lodge.
- (4) Welcome by Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto.
- (5) Statement by Supreme Venerable.
- (6) Progress Report—by Standing Committees of the Supreme Lodge.
- (7) 6:30 P.M.—Dinner in honor of Supreme Officers, Grand Venerables and Chairmen of Standing Committees by Ontario Grand Lodge.

April 5

- (1) Mass at Mount Carmel Church, St. Patrick Street, Toronto, at 9 A.M.
- (2) Supreme Executive Committee to reconvene at 10:00 A.M.
- (3) Unfinished business.
- (4) New business.

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lanza Garibaldina Lodge. Grand Venerable Raeta was assisted by Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, who served as herald.

The new lodge is composed of more than 100 youngsters. Miss Graceann Paluso was installed venerable.

Grand Venerable Raeta, following his talk, presented diplomas of merit to Ex-Venerable Joseph Cutri and Angelo Bulone.

Other speakers included Second Assistant Grand Venerable Daniel D'Amico, Grand Recording Secretary Melella, Grand Trustee Frank Diliberto, Bruno Giuffrida, president, scholarship commission. Venerable Frank Mancinelli was master of ceremonies.

NEW JERSEY

PATERSON, N. J. — Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria reported that 16 lodges in the New Jersey Order initiated 193 new members during the last quarter of 1958.

Leading the list of lodges was Sylvester Grand Lodge No. 1838 of Wildwood, with 53 new members.

Initiations also were held by

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Judge Forte Speaks at Milford

MILFORD, Mass. — Superior Court Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Past Supreme Venerable, was principal speaker at the 34th anniversary banquet sponsored by Vittorio Emanuele III Lodge. More than 250 persons attended.

Guests included, Grand Trustee Miss Elsie Apicella, representing the Grand Lodge; Sheriff William A. Bennett, Selectman Anthony Allegrezza, Rep. Nathan Rosenfeld, Asst. Dist. Atty. Anthony Compagnoni, Venerable John L. Moschilli, Mrs. Josephine DiCondo, venerable of the Women's Lodge; and Adams DiCondo, co-chairman.

Frank Berardi, former Grand Lodge officer of Massachusetts and Florida, was toastmaster.

Mario Bruno was general chairman. Other members of the executive committee included Brother DiCondo; Samuel Pafune, secretary, and Joseph Brita, treasurer.

Committee chairmen, tickets, Joseph DiBattista; reception, Frank Berardi; publicity, Charles B. Tomaso.

General committee, Pellegrino Femmina, Jack Tosches, Frank Tiuli, Anthony Magliocca, Jack Cutropia, Emilio Pighetti, Leonardo Morcone, Andrew Cuaroni, Antonio Bonina, Sidon Brandin, Paul Salvia, Donato Ciavattone, Christopher Morcone, John Coronato, Joseph Capuzzello, Henry Consigli, John Moschilli.

Also, Mrs. Jennie Berardi, Mrs. Teresa Tommaso, Mrs. Bina Bomponio, Miss Antonetta DiGiannantonio and Mrs. Anna Sciarini.

Ladies' Lodge Fashion Show At Worcester

WORCESTER, Mass. — Members of Princess Marie Gabriel Ladies' Lodge No. 313 sponsored a fashion show at Bronzo's to raise money for the lodge's scholarship fund. More than 350 persons attended.

The lodge annually offers a scholarship to a deserving high school senior of Italian descent.

Miss Gladys T. Bello, scholarship chairman, was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Catherine J. Razzano, lodge venerable, was honorary chairman.

The committees: tickets, Mrs. Edith M. Romano and Mrs. Clementina Ursolo, co-chairmen; Mrs. Lillian C. Fiorentino, Mrs. Rose G. Porcaro, Miss Angela M. DeMauro, Mrs. Grace M. Perrone, Mrs. Lea L. Ferdella, Mrs. Marianna Alicandro; prizes, Mrs. Mae M. Martocchio, chairman; Mrs. Rose M. Meglio and Mrs. Anna M. Castellani.

Serving as hostesses were, Mrs. Minnie L. Traficante, Mrs. Josephine G. Colombo, Mrs. Anna M. Dattis and Mrs. Anna D. Scricco.

Models were, Mrs. Rose M. Albizio, Mrs. Lucille M. Reno, Mrs. Mary M. Martocchio, Miss Clara V. Merola, Miss Dolores A. D'Elia and Miss Lucille A. Dattis.

Miss Barbara L. Aspero served as commentator.

The Order In Review

TEN YEARS AGO—1949

The Order Sons of Italy in America acquired land in Monte Cassino, Italy, site of the Order's memorial orphanage.

A new organization, the Historical Society, was founded within the Order. Ex-Supreme Venerable Judge Felix Forte was named chairman.

The Supreme Lodge launched an all-out fight to win for Italy trusteeship of her pre-fascist African colonies.

Supreme Trustee John Guarino was elected to the office of venerable of the East Boston (Mass.) Lodge No. 242, a new lodge composed of members of five lodges in the East Boston area.

Rhode Island added another new lodge—the Italo-American Youth Lodge—at initiation ceremonies held in the Grand Lodge quarters. Grand Venerable Luigi Scala presided.



GUARINO

FIVE YEARS AGO—1954

Seven prominent members of the Order were named to the newly organized National Anti-Defamation Committee by Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza.

A goal of 25,000 new members for the Order's 1955 Golden Jubilee year was the goal of Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, chairman of the national membership campaign.

Some 1000 members of the Order and friends of Judge Ubaldo Marino, Grand Venerable of the New York Order, attended a dinner in his honor at the Playland Casino at Rye Beach.

The Grand Lodge of California announced in a progress report that more than \$75,000 had been raised for the proposed Grand Lodge building.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge reported that 472 new members were inducted into the Order in 1953.



MARINO

Corning, N. Y.

Spread Word of The Order

Members of Guglielmo Marconi Lodge No. 154 of Corning, N. Y., are doing their part in helping to spread the word of the Order to non-members in the Corning area.

Michael M. Miller, lodge recording secretary, wrote to OSIA NEWS requesting subscription rates for placing the Corning Library, Corning Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital on the mailing list.

Brother Miller's letter was answered and OSIA NEWS received a check for \$3.00 covering a one-

year subscription for the three institutions.

OSIA NEWS normally does not place names of non-members on the mailing list. Brother Miller's explanation, however, placed a different light on the request.

Brother Miller explained that the lodge felt some "of our own people may see and read the OSIA NEWS and thereby be influenced in joining the Order."

Also of importance, he said, was the fact that "other people may read of the activities of the Order and gain a deeper understanding for the Order Sons of Italy in America."

Poet Meets Poet

d'Annunzio Vs. Carducci

BOLOGNA (ITM)—Among the records of Augusto Majani, an artist who died recently at the age of 92, an amusing account has been found of a social gathering arranged in 1901 by the "Resto del Carlino," Bologna's famous newspaper, in order to bring d'Annunzio and Carducci together.

Gabriel the Magnificent who had come to Bologna to read his new "Canzone di Garibaldi" to a packed theater of admirers, was seated at the dinner which followed next to the crochety old dean of Italian letters and did his best to charm him. He began by pointing out to Carducci how: "in spite of all the stories circulating on my depraved and luxurious life, I drink only water." That was a bad beginning. Without lifting his face from his plate, Carducci muttered into his beard: "and I only wine."

D'Annunzio tried a new gambit, and turned to literature: how did Carducci judge this new book "Quo Vadis?" which everyone was talking about? Was it not worthy of its great success?

Carducci, who was tackling a goose wing, mumbled: "A success for the arenas," and would say no more.

When the fruit came around, d'Annunzio tried again: he peeled an apple and handed it to Carducci saying with a probable reference to the Garden of the Hesperides: "Maestro, permettemi di offrirvi il pomo dell'aurora" (permit me to offer you the fruit of dawn). This time Carducci looked up, gazed lengthily at the fruit and finally exclaimed: "E' una mela!" (an apple, that's what it is!) But he took it. And with the help of a few more glasses of lambrusco the ice finally melted and the evening ended in song.

Some Views on the Kennedy Immigration Proposal

Says Formula Restrictive Device

An Educator's Views

Here is a copy of a letter which appeared in The New York Times soon after Senator Kennedy announced his "blood relationship" formula for future immigration to the United States. The letter was written by Richard Robbins, Newton, Mass. Robbins is an assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at Wheaton College. He is the co-author of "International Migrations."

The need for a more flexible—and more generous—immigration law remains as important now as at any time in the past. It is therefore discouraging to note in The Times (Feb. 20) that Senator John Kennedy proposes a new immigration bill whose main provision is as narrow and dogmatic as any in the most recent "reform" legislation, the justly criticized McCarran-Walter Act.

The Senator would replace the present national origins quota system. That is a consummation devoutly to be wished, for the quota distribution as now arranged discriminates against peoples from southern and eastern Europe on the dubious ground that over the long run they are less "assimilable" than peoples from northern and western Europe. But at the same time Senator Kennedy would substitute for the national origins formula the rule that only relatives of citizens and resident aliens should be admitted as immigrants.

Idea Challenged

I see no improvement whatever in this idea. I do not think it should be allowed to go unchal-

lenged simply because the six other proposals made by Senator Kennedy are useful and sound. Senator Kennedy's "blood relationship formula" is the main piece of business.

Preference for relatives of American citizens and resident aliens is both humane and in the national interest, monopolization of the quota list by blood kin is quite another matter. It stands to reason that a large proportion of annual immigration is going to be taken by relatives in any case.

The principle of a foreigner who succeeds in making a good life for himself in this country, in terms of both privileges and obligations, deserves to have the closest members of his family with him, needs no elaborate defense. Yet why should this principle be carried to the point of denying access altogether to those who do not have blood kin in the United States?

Further, as Senator Kennedy knows perfectly well, the present law, restrictive though it may be

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Explains Details of Proposal

Senator Kennedy's Reply

On March 6 The New York Times carried a letter by Senator Kennedy in reply to the letter written to The Times by the Massachusetts educator, Richard Robbins. The Massachusetts Senator made the following points in his letter to The Times:

A letter to the editor of The New York Times by Richard Robbins, printed in your issue of March 4, has been called to my attention. It is a thoughtful and cogent statement of the undesirability of replacing the rigid national origins quota system in our immigration policy with merely a blood relationship formula. I wholly agree with the basic conclusions expressed by Mr. Robbins.

In so far, however, as he assumes that the bill I am preparing would be limited in the way he describes, he is mistaken. At the press conference called by the Anti-Defamation League to announce the publication of a booklet I wrote entitled "A Nation of Immigrants," I emphasized the point that I planned to introduce a bill to replace the national origins quota system, and that preferred status in immigration would be given to relatives of American residents. But I also stated—and this has been overlooked in many of the comments upon my position—that the bill I was working on would retain provisions for the admission of non-relatives.

The proposal for the elimination of the national origins quotas has two phases: First, it will admit relatives for the purpose of reuniting families that have long suffered from unnatural separation. They will be admitted without the rigid restrictions of the national origins formula which currently imposes tiny unworkable quotas on many countries.

Thus we would reduce the huge backlog of applications by broth-

ers, sisters and other close relatives of American citizens. (It is estimated that currently this backlog exceeds 200,000 relatives who have been waiting for many years.) It would render unnecessary many of the private bills introduced in each session of Congress to ameliorate particular hardship. Finally, the natural desire of members of the same family to help each other would assist the assimilation process.

Second, the proposal would provide for the admission of non-relatives—refugees and so-called "new-seed" immigration—under a flexible formula that would take into account America's needs, our historical position as a home for the persecuted, and our standing as a world leader.

Statistical Formulas

While the statistical formulas to govern the various categories of admission are still to be worked out, at least as many non-relatives as we now admit annually would be eligible for admission under the new program. There would be one important difference—quota limitations based on country of origin would be largely eliminated.

This is one of ten proposals I mentioned at the press conference. It is by far both the most difficult and the most delicate. I am confident, however, that we will ultimately be able to enact a law which is consistent with our position of leadership in the free world.

Editorial Comment

New York Times

Senator Kennedy's seven-point proposal for modification of our immigration laws is a bit like the curate's egg—good in spots. In so far as it does actually make some liberalization of provisions that are too restrictive, it is good. In so far as it would limit immigrants to those who are related to persons already resident in this country it is, like the present laws much too harsh to be in accord with our national spirit.

The Administration's proposal is a better one, and even that could be made more generous. In either case the focus of the legislation needs to be shifted. The Kennedy proposal, in that respect, is a step in the right direction.

The real purpose of a good immigration law should be to permit the entry of those who are desirable, and especially of those who need this place of refuge. It should not be designed to keep out as many as possible, on one pretext or another. The harshness of some of the legislation in the past has been the product of some sort of national panic, some curious xenophobia in reverse, almost an inferiority complex, that ill becomes a great country that has been made great by its immigrants. All of us, indeed, belong in that classification, the moment we begin to look back a bit.

The thing that is most hurtful about harsh legislation, however, is that it puts us in a bad light in many parts of the world, precisely at a time when we aspire to leadership and need prestige. We cannot accomplish our aims if others think that we are timid, selfish, overbearing or "superior." Our immigration laws reflect, in many minds, some of those attitudes, and if this is a misconception it should be corrected by measures more sweeping than that of Senator Kennedy.

Worcester Telegram

It is hard to imagine why Senator John F. Kennedy thinks his new plan for limiting immigration to the United States would be any improvement. Kennedy is proposing a new law which would limit future immigration to the blood relations of those people who are already here.

If one feels that the United States has reached the point where the flow of immigrants must be reduced below the present quota of 154,000 a year, the Kennedy formula would—by his own estimates—open our gates even wider.

If one feels, as many do, that the chief evil in our present immigration rules is the national-origins restriction, the Kennedy plan compounds that defect.

Such a plan could easily bar the immigration of the most deserving and useful. It could easily mean that—because kinship was the only criterion—we had to take in many of the immigrants we wanted least.

If the senator cannot think of a better immigration plan than this one, he ought not to make any proposals in the field.

By A. Alfred Marcello

So Our Readers Will Know

On this page are a number of views on U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy's proposal to amend the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act. As expected in any controversial issue the views differ. We are carrying these diverse views because OSIA NEWS believes that any proposal to amend existing immigration laws should be given the widest publicity possible. In this manner the membership of the Order Sons of Italy in America will know what is going on and when the time comes for action, the action of the Order will be intelligent and forthright.

OSIA NEWS has no opinion on Kennedy's proposal at this stage. The Order has had no time to fully explore the Kennedy plan to allow "blood-relatives" of American citizens to enter the United States outside the quota system. When the Order sets the policy in this matter, OSIA NEWS will implement this policy. For that is our function. We reflect the opinion of the Order and no other opinion.

The director of OSIA NEWS has written to Senator Kennedy inviting the Senator to discuss his proposal in the columns of our national newspaper. If and when the Massachusetts Senator accepts our offer we will publish what he has to say as part of our policy to keep our members informed on all important issues of the day.

"Do A Better Job of Assimilation"

Sees Humanity Being Served

We welcome back to the pages of OSIA NEWS, Louis Varrichione of Framingham, Mass. Brother Varrichione is no stranger to our readers. While associated with displaced persons' work in Europe, Varrichione wrote a number of articles on post-war Italy. On his return to the United States he continued writing for OSIA NEWS for several years. He coordinated the filming of "Surge et Age," a movie which sparked the Order's national campaign for the establishment of a memorial orphanage at Cassino, Italy.

In this article, Brother Varrichione discusses the Kennedy proposal on changing the existing immigration laws.

LOUIS VARRICHIONE

Word has come out of Washington that U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts has proposed that future immigration to the United States be limited to relatives of United States residents.

Senator Kennedy said he plans to introduce a new immigration bill soon to revise the present national origins method of establishing immigration quotas. His measure would provide a formula based upon the blood relationship between citizens and resident aliens already here and those who seek admittance.

In the opinion of this writer, Senator Kennedy has struck a thought provoking note in regard to the immigration question.

As we read between the lines of Senator Kennedy's proposal, we draw some interesting conclusions, and they are:

1. We see the cause of humanity being served in that families would be united—a noble gesture by a great nation dedicated to the service of God and to the maintenance of family life.

2. Our sense of unity would receive additional impetus across our land because of this re-dedication to the preservation of unifying family life.

Remove Barriers

3. This proposal would remove artificial barriers that keep blood kin from enjoying their God-given right to associate, and to seek comfort, security, and strength with each other.

4. This proposal should ease the minds of those of our fellow-Americans who are concerned with the question of assimilating newcomers. Who could do a better job of assimilation than the folks already here when they welcome their loved ones from across the sea? Who could do a better job of counselling the newcomers in seeking work, in establishing their homes, in neighborhood living, in furthering their

education, who, but the relatives already here in America. And what great example for the newcomers to see their kin already established here in their homes, in their professions, in our schools, in all walks of American life, second to none.

5. Should the common danger threaten America, who would be the first to rise to her defense, who, but these united families who would have something extra to defend—a way of life, the American Way of Life, if you will, founded on strong, undying family life.

6. The good folk of our country who support good family life believe that when a man has reached the end of his days on this earth and is about to go to meet his God, that a man has the God-given right to be surrounded by his blood-kin; that they should be near and not separated from him because of "man made" laws.

A man about to leave this "vale of tears" should go out "in style," surrounded by his loved ones, praying for his departing soul.

7. Thousands upon thousands of the good folk left behind in the old country and the thousands upon thousands that departed from them in life were never to see each other again.

8. There are countless numbers now living here and across the seas who have already spoken their last goodbys.

9. Parents, already in America, should not be denied the presence of their children, including those that are adults. These good people, now part of the American scene, still uphold the principle that a man is the head of his family, until he dies. It is a good principle—it is a sound principle and should be strengthened at every turn. These fine old folk derive most of their strength in

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Four Presented Paid-up Policies

AKRON, Ohio—Paid-up insurance policies were presented to four members of Akron Lodge No. 685 at ceremonies held in the lodge quarters.

Venerable Ernest W. Teodosio, president of the State Benefit Association, presented the certificates in conformity with a resolution which grants paid-up insurance to members who reach 80 years of age.

The recipients were Pietro Basone, 82; Cologero Basone, 84; Pietro Iritano, 83, and Giuseppe Longhitano, 84.

The four are members of a class A group, formed in 1940 when the Grand Lodge disbanded the Mortuary Fund system and established an insurance system. Today the Order Sons of Italy Benefit Society has 2076 insured members and has written \$1,060,-793 of insurance.

At the time the new insurance company was formed, there were a number of members between the ages of 50 to 60. These members were offered a Class A policy at a lesser rate, also these policies had no redemption or paid-up features.

As a reward for their faithfulness to the Order, the Benefit Society adopted a resolution granting to all members in the Class A group who reach the age of 80 a paid-up insurance policy.

At present there are 220 members in this Class A group, 108 of whom are now entitled to benefits.

Washington, D. C.

\$1,000 Raised For March Of Dimes Fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Members of Roma Lodge No. 71 and George Washington Lodge No. 2038 of Arlington, Va., joined forces to raise \$1000 for the March of Dimes fund through the sale of spaghetti dinners.

Miss Mary J. Caliendo, Grand Orator of the Virginia Order, was general chairman.

Approximately 600 dinners were served by members of both lodges during a six-hour period at the Elks Club.

The lodges received support through donations of food, food-stuffs, use of quarters and utensils from local merchants, the Elks Club and the San Giorgio Co.

Congressman Joel T. Broyhill of Virginia addressed the gathering and commended the lodges for their assistance to the March of Dimes.

Other guests included Maria DiSalvo of WDC, Pino Cicalla of WOL and Ed Walker and Wilford Scott of WRC.

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Rev. Anthony Marchesano Lodge, St. Mary's Society, St. Ambrogio Society, St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary, St. Francis DePaul Society, St. Joseph Society, Sacred Heart-St. Anthony Society and Verdi Society.

Mrs. Rosario Gaziano, wife of the past venerable of the lodge and former assistant state's attorney, was soloist. She was accompanied by Mrs. Emilie Guagliata.

Seeks Information On Vermont Man

Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli of Waterbury, Conn., has asked the OSIA NEWS for help in tracing the whereabouts of Battista Piccinelli, a one-time resident of Vermont. Relatives in Italy are attempting to locate Mr. Piccinelli or anyone who knew or is now acquainted with him.



PRINCIPALS AT ROCKFORD, ILL., INITIATION

Among the participants at the Rockford Vigo Lodge initiation were, from left to right, Grand Recording Secretary Vito D. Signorile, Chicago; Venerable Anthony Ricotta; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago; Supreme Trustee Peter Porzio, Chicago; Grand Trustee Dominick M. Alberti, Chicago.



EX-SUPREME VENERABLE WITH GUESTS

From left to right, Atty. Mathew Cicero, the Rev. Fr. Anastasius Kuzdrzal of St. Anthony's Church; Mayor Benjamin T. Schleicher; Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza; Venerable Anthony Ricotta and Grand Trustee Frank G. St. Angel, toastmaster.



FOUR RECEIVE PAID-UP POLICIES

Ernest W. Teodosio, Akron, Ohio, Venerable of Akron Lodge No. 685 and president of the State Benefit Association, presents paid-up insurance policies to four members of the lodge. From left to right, Pietro Basone, Cologero Basone, Venerable Teodosio, Pietro Iritano and Giuseppe Longhitano.

New York

Anniversary Observance At Binghamton

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Members of Binghamton Lodge No. 487 and Silver Star Ladies' Lodge No. 1916 will hold their 43rd annual dinner - dance Saturday, April 25, in the lodge hall.

Mrs. Leon Mion is in charge of arrangements. She is being assisted by Vincent Capozzi co-chairman; Mrs. Leonard Altieri, recording secretary; Mrs. Augusto Gaetani and Sam Pasquale, trustees; Mrs. Anthony Magnotta, tickets, and Frank Buono, publicity.

Grand Deputy Ernest Allio pre-

sided recently at the installation of the Men's Lodge.

Seated were, Sam Ruffo, venerable; Vincent Capozzi, assistant venerable; Peter Canale, orator; Aristide D'Aristotile, recording secretary; George Cicci, financial secretary; Joseph DiLascia, treasurer; Samuel Pasquale, Louis Gaudio, Frank Trozzi, Vincent Iozzi and Joseph Liciandrello, trustees.

4th Anniversary At Skokie, Ill.

SKOKIE, Ill. — Members of Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046 will sponsor their 4th annual dinner-dance Sunday, April 19, at El Toro's in Morton Grove.

Proceeds of the event will be used for the lodge's building fund.

Ontario

Trieste Lodge Holds Dance

HAMILTON, Ont. — Several hundred members and friends attended the annual ball sponsored by Trieste Lodge at the Royal Connaught Hotel.

Among the guests were Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Deputy Quinto Martini and members of the Ontario Grand Council.

Venerable Nicholas Zaffiro was in charge of arrangements. He was assisted by Atty. Joseph Macaluso and Pietro Cicchi.

Also attending were delegations from Roma and Imperia Lodges.

Lodge Puts Talk By Spatuzza In Pamphlet Form

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Members of Rockford Vigo Lodge No. 1637 paid special tribute to Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza on the occasion of his recent visit to the city.

The Lodge had printed and distributed in pamphlet form, the speech delivered by Brother Spatuzza at the June 1957 Illinois Grand Lodge convention held in Chicago.

Spatuzza, who months earlier had relinquished the office of Supreme Venerable, was made honorary Grand Venerable for life by the Illinois delegates.

Venerable Anthony Ricotta of Vigo Lodge noted that the speech was "one of the best" delivered by Brother Spatuzza.

Pennazoli Seated At Arlington, Va.

ARLINGTON, Va. — Joseph Pennazoli has been named venerable of George Washington Lodge No. 2038.

Other officers are, Carl J. Morano, assistant venerable; Peter Rosso, ex-venerable; Angelo Caliendo, orator; Van Caffo, recording secretary; Louis Trombo, financial secretary; Marie Pennazoli, treasurer; Anthony Trombo, Anthony Cozzo, John Maimone, Pat Conte, Rose Coco, trustees; Frances Trombo and Edith Antonio, masters of ceremony; Luigi Gigantelli, sentinel.



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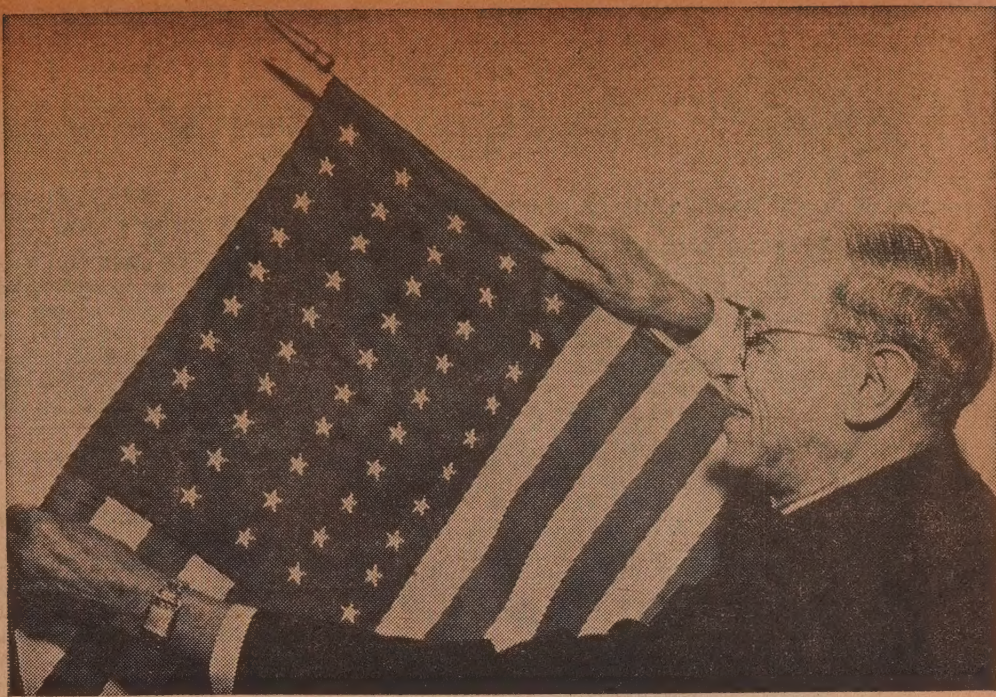
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JIMMY DURANTE RECEIVES GOLD MEDAL
Jimmy Durante, popular TV and night club star, receives gold medal presented by President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order. The presentation was made at the Sons of Italy Club.



PENNSYLVANIA MEMBER DESIGNS FLAGS
Simon Donatelli of Rochester, Pa., veteran member of the Pennsylvania Order, holds his version of the new 50-star American flag. Brother Donatelli had designed the flag in anticipation of Hawaii's entry as the 50th state. His proposed flag has five rows of 10 stars each on a blue field. (Bottom) Mrs. Donatelli puts finishing touch to 49-star flag designed by her husband prior to Alaska's entry as the 49th state. Donatelli's design was similar to the one unveiled by President Eisenhower, except that the indentation of the seven rows of stars was just opposite from the official flag.

Indiana

Bushemi Convention Chairman

GARY, Ind. — Samuel Bushemi, Lake County assessor, has been named general chairman for the fourth annual Indiana Grand Lodge convention to be held here in June.

The announcement was made by Venerable Anthony Puperi of this city, who recently was re-elected head of the Dante Alighieri Lodge No. 1220.

Bushemi, a member of the Order for over 10 years, is coordinating plans for the three-day convention to be held in the Gary Hotel starting June 12.

Dr. Eric DaRin, Italian consul of Detroit has been invited to the convention banquet.

The committee, Angelo Grecco, banquet chairman; Anthony Bonta, reception chairman; Anthony Muffoletto, ticket chairman; Anthony Rendina Jr., queen arrangements chairman; and Anthony Rendina Jr., queen arrangements chairman; and Anthony Puperi, souvenir program chairman.

Re-elect Biordi At Ellwood City

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. — Andy Biordi was elected to serve his eighth two-year term as venerable of Ellwood City Men's Lodge.

Other officers are, Angelo Squicquero, assistant venerable; Archie Antinossi, orator; Angelo Lordi, recording secretary; Mike D'Amico, financial secretary; George Petrelli, treasurer; James Pasta, Anthony Vicari, Herbert Fazioli, Dom Ferrante and Dom D'Amico, trustees; Steve Conti and Anthony Pratt, masters of ceremony; Robert DiFalco, sentinel.

Members of the electoral board were, John Minnocci, chairman; Pete Mino, Angelo Court, Anthony Masi and Patsy Caruso.

Pennsylvania

Vandergrift Elections

VANDERGRIFT, Pa. — Mrs. Hilda Troianno has been re-elected venerable of Vandergrift Ladies' Lodge. She has served as venerable since 1942.

Other officers elected, Mrs. Amelia Ferrante, assistant venerable; Mrs. Casiadore DeSabato, ex-venerable; Mrs. Louise Silware, orator; Mrs. Josephine Martier, recording secretary; Mrs. Jean Frederick, financial secretary; Miss Carmella Bennardo, treasurer; Mrs. Sue Faiola, Mrs. Rose Napoli, Miss Mary DePalma, Mrs. Rena Strazzer, Mrs. Therese Massetto, trustees; Mrs. Rose DeMichele, Mrs. Filomena DeFrancis, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Mary Ferraccio, sentinel.

Arbitration committee, Miss Carmel Ceraso, Mrs. Rose Martier, Mrs. Mamie Trentin, Mrs. Mrs. Josephine Ferrante and Mrs. Kay Capretta.

The lodge will observe its 31st anniversary at a meeting to be held April 13.

Installation At Ambridge

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — A large gathering attended the installation ceremonies sponsored by La Vittoria Lodge. Mary Panala was installed as Venerable.

Other officers seated, Theresa Gatti, assistant venerable; Josephine Rossi, ex-venerable; Enrichetta Yacavoni, orator; Rose Cardinale, recording secretary; Lydia DeMarco, financial secretary; Rose DiNino, treasurer; Rose Santarelli, Dorothy Dixon, Mary Maccaglia, Beatrice Nardelli, Rose Pace, trustees; Jennie Casselo and Rose Bologna, masters of ceremony; Lenore Zuk, sentinel.

American Italian Day Meeting At Franklin

FRANKLIN, Pa. — The committees for this year's American-Italian Day celebration will meet with the general assembly here April 19. District No. 17 will be host.

Paul Schullo, general chairman, will report on a recent meeting held in Pittsburgh at Angelo's Restaurant.



EDUCATOR'S VIEWS

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in general, makes ample provision for relatives. To begin with, spouses and minor children of citizens can be admitted without restriction as to number on a non-quota basis. Within the quota system there is special preference for parents of citizens and priority (within the non-preference category) for spouses and children of resident aliens and brothers, sisters and adult children of citizens. One can even favor further liberalization of family preferences (as I do) without going so far as to exclude those without kinship ties to this country.

Acceptable Bill

No doubt Senator Kennedy seeks to make a virtue of necessity. That is, any new immigration legislation, if it is to have a reasonable chance of passing, must be acceptable to Representative Walter, chairman of the House Immigration subcommittee. Representative Walter is restrictionist in outlook and the "kinship test" is at bottom a restrictionist device. Perhaps the kinship clause will enable Senator Kennedy to get through committee the other useful provisions of his bill.

While I grant that realism and

compromise of interest are the essence of the legislative process, in this case I think too much has been conceded at the outset. We should not relinquish the principle that within the necessary quantitative limits of our over-all visa issuance policy we want to welcome nonrelatives as well as relatives.

If this provision had been in effect back in the nineteenth century many people would not be here today, Senator Kennedy included, if I am not mistaken.

New York

Amato Elected At Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — Mrs. Joseph Amato has been named venerable of Golden Jubilee Lodge No. 2044.

Other officers are, Mrs. Pat Visconti, assistant venerable; Mrs. Constance McCarthy, ex-venerable; Mrs. Aida Sonsonne Ranalle, orator; Mrs. Adeline Delvecchio, recording secretary; Lee DeJulio, financial secretary; Margaret Lee, treasurer; Maria Dellunto, Frances Bovigeni, Mary Embessi, Jenny Samora, Mary DiJulio, trustees.

HUMANITY

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later life by the presence of their children and grandchildren. They should be helped to come together when they so desire.

Deplores Separation

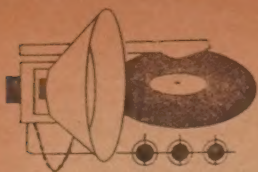
10. Parents overseas should not be artificially kept apart from their children over here.

11. Adult brothers and sisters now overseas should not be kept separated from their adult brothers and sisters now in America if there exists the natural desire for the American residents to want to sponsor their kin for a new life in this country.

Senator Kennedy's immigration proposal radiates with warmth and human kindness. The idea makes sense.

Perhaps it would also make sense if quota number provision for special immigration cases (scientists, technicians, etc.) were to be made outside the regular immigration plan as proposed by Senator Kennedy.

Members of the Order of Sons of Italy reading this message are asked to talk it over with their friends and neighbors. Also talk to folk who have relatives in countries other than Italy. The idea is worthy of sympathetic thought.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

With this edition a new column, RECORDS IN REVIEW, makes its appearance in the pages of OSIA NEWS. This column will be chiefly concerned with a review of new LP records, both monophonic and stereophonic. But periodically we hope to keep our readers posted whenever the hi-fi industry comes up with anything new in equipment.



MARCELLO

From time to time a number of our readers have suggested that we carry a column devoted to hi-fi records and equipment. These readers have argued that members of the Order Sons of Italy in America with a traditional love of music would welcome such a column. We are convinced now that there is a great deal of merit to what they say and so this month we take the plunge.

In writing this new column we are returning to our "first love" in our long newspaper career. Before we became city editor we had spent some 10 years as a reviewer of the legitimate theater, the movies and the concert and operatic stage. So we expect to derive much pleasure in reviewing new records as well as discussing hi-fi news.

High-fidelity music or hi-fi as it is more commonly known today, has come a long way since the first long-playing records made their appearance back in the late '40's. Back a few years ago there was some talk about a new dimension in sound—stereophonic music. But no one dreamed at the time that stereo would come so soon or for that matter have such a terrific impact on hi-fi enthusiasts.

New Adventures

But stereo is here and with stereo have come new adventures in music. There is a new and wonderful depth to opera; there is amazing realism to concert music, to light opera and to musicals.

We have been dabbling with stereo since late last Summer. This is our hobby, a hobby that has helped a great deal to ease the tensions and stresses that go with an editor's job.

Love of music comes easy with our background of Italian ancestry.

We only hope that we can translate this background into an interesting experience for our readers.

LA GIOCONDA

But now for a discussion of new records. The other day we heard the complete opera of La Gioconda on three L. P. stereo recordings. We had previously heard the monophonic or conventional recording of Ponchielli's opera. Here is an excellent example of vast improvement over the monophonic versions. In the stereo version are featured such stars as Mario del Monaco, Renata Tebaldi, Ugo Savarese and Giulietta Simionata.

These stars put the stage of La Scala right in your living room. It is a thrilling experience. London has done a masterful job of engineering the sound.

L-OSA -1302. Set of three records \$17.94.

BACCALONI IN STEREO

Grand Award Records has definitely scored a beat in the new album, BACCALONI. Released in both the monophonic and stereophonic version, this new album marks the great Baccaloni's entry into the popular recording field.

Baccaloni, reigning basso buffo

of the Metropolitan Opera Co., sings 12 popular Italian songs. The songs in this album are usually those we associate with a tenor or an occasional baritone. Any other basso than Baccaloni might have come off second best with a rendition of Arrivederci, Roma, Torna A Surriento, Dormi-Dormi-Dormi or the Donkey Serenade. But not so the "big man with the big voice." His inimitable style, his magnificent voice make this Grand Award album a pleasant excursion in music.

We heard the stereo version which, of course, has the added advantage of excellent recording techniques. Enoch Light has done a fine job in providing musical background for Baccaloni's booming voice.

All in all an auspicious debut in the popular field for a big man's big voice.

Monophonic LP G.A. 33-394 \$3.98.

Stereophonic LP G.A. 230 S. D. \$4.98.

JO BASILE'S RECORDS

Among the new records we acquired recently are two from Audio Fidelity and both feature Jo Basile, his accordion and orchestra. One recording is concerned with VIENNESE WALTZES and the other with ARGENTINE TANGOS.

These are typical Audio Fidelity recordings; good sound, no needle talk and both incorporate gay music.

VIENNESE WALTZES have 12 selections and among these are the popular Play Gypsy, Third Man Theme, Cafe Mozart, Glow Worm and Waltz Time in Vienna.

The jacket notes of ARGENTINE TANGOS say that the tangos played by Jo Basile are among the most famous in literature, especially La Cumparista, Adios Muchachos, A Media Luz and El Choclo.

We go along with that and also agree that Jo Basile's accordion is well suited to the tango.

VIENNESE WALTZES: Audio Fidelity AFLP 1869. \$5.95.

ARGENTINE TANGOS: Audio Fidelity AFLP 1868. \$5.95.

A Collector's Hi-Fi Fancy

A TOUCH OF ROME: Carlo Grell and his orchestra. Such musical gems as Santa Lucia, Mamma, Domani, Finiculi, Funicula played with a master's touch. Epic LN 3482. L. P. \$3.98.

ROME WITH LOVE: The Italian accordion of Jo Basile and his orchestra. Torna A Surriento, O Sole Mio, Luna Rossa, Tarentella and eight other favorites. The accordion lends itself to the music so long familiar to the cognoscenti everywhere. Audio Fidelity AFLP 1822. L. P. \$5.95.

LOVERS IN ROME: Monica Litter and his orchestra. A product of London Records and recorded abroad. A real buy. The enchanting music of Chianti Song, Anna Maria, Italian Street Scene, Sicilian Lullaby and six others. Richmond B 20010. L. P. \$1.98.

Some Good Stereo Buys

BROADWAY IN STEREO: Ira Wright and his orchestra play selections from Oklahoma, South Pacific, Gigi, Music Man.

Rondo-lette SA 41. L. P. \$2.98.

CONCERTO UNDER THE STARS: 101 Strings in an excellent performance of Cornish Rhapsody, Claire De Lune, Meditation and Liebestraum.

Stereo-Fidelity. SF-6700. L. P. \$2.98.

BROADWAY SPECTACULAR: Norman Leyden and his orchestra play the favorites from My Fair Lady, King and I, Call Me Madam, Kiss Me Kate, etc.

RCA-Camden. CAS 467. L. P. \$2.98.

Turin Museum Has Collection Of Automobiles

TURIN (ITM) — In a few months the Automobile Museum in Turin will transfer its collection of over 100 vintage cars to a new seat where they can all finally be displayed to advantage. The kernel of the collection is made up of the cars which Count Biscaretti di Ruffia started putting aside in years when no one imagined that yesterday's discarded model would, some day, warrant an entrance ticket merely to be looked at.

The more precious Turin specimens go back to the years at the turn of the Century when the early Fiats, Panhards and Dion-Boutons first started kicking up the dust on country roads in Italy. Those were the years in which d'Annunzio burst into ecstatic prose on the new delicious sensation of speed (60 km - or 37 miles per hour).

The museum, beside its precious protomodels preserves also many cars which made history, such as the open roadster on which Prince Borghese and Luigi Barzini Sr. travelled from Paris to Peking using, at times, a compass over trackless stretches of Siberia.

Another "landmark" car, well remembered by men over 60, is the early Isotta Fraschini with which dowager Queen Margherita, a tireless tourist used to travel. Compact and tall, it would appear almost soaring above its little clouds of dust, like a small water tower on the move.

Letter From Ex-Supreme Venerable

Tribute To DiGiulio

In a letter to the Editor of OSIA NEWS, Ex-Supreme Venerable, George J. Spatuzza of Chicago paid personal tribute to the late Palmer DiGiulio of Joliet, Ill.

Spatuzza describes the late head of the Order's Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, as one who loved "the Order to the very extreme and for the triumph of its ideals he worked incessantly."

His letter follows in part:

"I cannot believe that Palmer is no longer in our midst. We were so close that practically not a day went by that we were not in touch with each other, either by phone, mail or in person. He loved the Order to the very extreme and for the triumph of its ideals he worked incessantly. He was one of my close cooperators in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, when I was its Grand Venerable, and in the Supreme Lodge, when I was at the head of the Order.

"The Order has lost a faithful worker and I have lost a dear, very dear friend. He was such an indefatigable worker that when I assigned a task to him I could depend on its successful outcome.

"During his illness he was confined in the hospital, where I visited him often, for nearly two months. I spent a part of Christmas Eve and of New Year's Day with him at the hospital. He no doubt believed that he was on the way to recovery, but Fate decreed otherwise."

Letters From Our Readers

IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

LIKES DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE IN MARCH ISSUE

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

The March issue of the OSIA NEWS was sent to me by the recording secretary of our lodge.

I want to personally congratulate you for the fine job you are doing in the publication of the Order's news.

Your article Report to Our Readers on the financial aspects of the OSIA NEWS was revealing. I plan to read the column at our next regular meeting of the lodge and then follow up with discussion on the subject.

The all-time high in OSIA NEWS circulation (39,144) speaks for itself. I trust that the Glen Cove Lodge is included on the mailing list of the 930 new names as mentioned in the OSIA NEWS.

We in Glen Cove have a monthly publication—14th year—called La Voce. I shall send you copies accordingly.

Venerable Andrew C. Bongiorno, Glen Cove, N. Y.

PLANS MUSIC FOR 'PURPLE' SONG

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I read with interest the lyrics for the Wearing of the Purple song by Miss Helen Vargon to whom I extend my sincere congratulations.

As soon as I recuperate from a lingering cold I shall comply with your request and desire that someone will write the music.

I suggest that the second part of the lyric (How can we show our gratitude) shall be used as a Refrain or Ritornello to be sung by all in a chorus at any event.

You will hear from me. I think you have already received some encouragement, and I trust that I won't be too late.

Grand Trustee D. M. Alberti, Chicago, Ill.

ASKS MEMBERS TO SHARE OSIA NEWS

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

Let me congratulate you on a fine and informative paper. I do hope that every member that gets it not only reads every word of it, but passes it along to a friend (that is how I first became aware of it). And as publicist for District 18, I have often given articles taken from OSIA NEWS to our three local newspapers and it is surprising and indeed most gratifying to hear the very nice comments made by various community people.

I look forward to the first of the month which keeps me supplied with material for good publicity. I do hope that you have a sketch of the new building that will be erected in Washington, D. C., that I could perhaps use locally.

Rose Santorelli, Ambridge, Pa.

NEW ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN BOSTON

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I am writing to you as Managing Editor of the OSIA NEWS in order to inform you that I have assumed my duties as Consul General of Italy presiding over the New England states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, with office in Boston.

I present my compliments to you and knowing the large circulation of your newspaper, I would like to convey to the Italian citizens and to the large Italian-American community residing in the states mentioned above, through your means, my first very cordial greetings and my best wishes for their prosperity and happiness in this most hospitable country.

Also, as the Representative of the country where the members of this community can trace its ancestry, I would like to express my admiration for their achievements and the many goals attained. Through their efforts, they honor the two friendly countries; Italy and the United States.

I would be grateful if you would convey to your readers these expressions of mine and thanking you in advance, I remain, with best wishes for you personally and for the fortunes of your paper.

Dr. Alfredo Trinchieri
Italian Consul General, Boston, Mass.

Vatican City—Sovereign State

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VATICAN CITY — Yesterday was the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the treaty which brought the Vatican City into existence as a sovereign state.

Those who had felt that it was unwise for the Popes to waive their claim to their 16,000-square-mile kingdom in central Italy, which had stood for 1,100 years until absorbed by Italy in 1870, today are convinced that the settlement was fortunate.

The spiritual mission of the Popes is no longer complicated by the day-to-day secular administration that any ruler of a large country faces, not to mention international territorial quarrels.

The concordat ended 60 years of controversy between the Roman Catholic Church and Italy over the so-called "Roman question" by creating a sovereign Papal state, made Roman Catholicism the state religion of Italy and settled on the Church a cash sum and bonds as indemnity for the loss of temporal power and lands.

The treaty between the Holy See and the Kingdom of Italy was signed by Pietro Cardinal Gasparri, for Pope Pius XI, and by Benito Mussolini, for Italy.

Those who felt that Pope Pius XI should have held out at least for temporal rule over the whole of the City of Rome (present population 2,000,000) instead of settling for the 108-acre Vatican State with its 1,000 citizens are convinced that they were wrong.

"Italy would have too much leverage against the Pope if it controlled the supplies going to a city as big as Rome," one of the Vatican's most eminent personalities commented yesterday. "The little state is so small that it makes no difference to Italy what few supplies are needed. They go in duty-free without question and almost without being noticed."

The Popes always have insisted that they should have an independent state, even a minuscule one, so that no other nation's flag should fly above them and so that they would be wholly free in exercising their spiritual mission, which transcends national lines,

Editor's Note Of Appreciation

OSIA NEWS is grateful to THE NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE for permission granted to reprint the article, "Vatican City: Sovereign State," By Barrett McGurn which appeared recently on the editorial page of the HERALD-TRIBUNE.

Barrett McGurn is a veteran newspaperman and OSIA NEWS has been privileged to have published other articles on the Italian scene by Mr. McGurn in the past.

even if in conflict with Italy's own policy. The importance of the latter was apparent in the late years of Fascism in its alliance with German Nazism and in World War II.

Thirty years after the establishment of the State of Vatican City, officials of the Holy See are satisfied that their little country has proved its freedom in every way. Not only does it issue its own postage stamps, mint its own coins, maintain its own police, armed forces and jail, issue its own automobile licenses (all starting with the letters SCV for State of Vatican City) and guarantee its citizens against being drafted in the Italian armed forces or paying Italian or any other income taxes, but it lays claim to everything that may be discovered beneath its surface, including recovered archeological treasures, and forbids all airplanes to go through its air space.

The distinction between the Vatican State and the Holy See is an important one. The Holy See is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church as a religion. The Vatican State is merely the little plot of ground on which the Holy See's main installations are located. The Vatican State as a country is in the international mail and radio unions but it has no diplomats of its own and receives none. All the diplomacy is handled by the Holy See. The importance of this point is that the Pope wishes to receive ambassadors as head of the Catholic Church and not as chief of little Vatican City.

Perhaps the most significant of

all the instruments of independence in the Pope's hands is his radio station. Through the three decades it has improved steadily and funds are being sought to increase its facilities still more. It has a larger shortwave broadcasting service than the Scandinavian countries and about as large as West Germany's and Switzerland's.

Twenty-eight languages are used every week, including Russian, Latin and rare tongues. Half of its work is aimed at the Communist bloc, to whose tens of millions of Catholics official Papal instructions go by radio in Latin.

While international public opinion has become the best guarantee of Vatican independence, Pope John XXIII and his predecessors have neglected none of the other more conventional assurances. The Vatican State is pledged to permanent neutrality and to the task of seeking peace among the nations. But for its size it is the most heavily armed nation in the world. A third of the population, including the four-century-old corps Swiss Guards, are armed.

The Vatican stamps include even those for airmail, although the little state is shorter than most airport runways and has no planes. Philatelists set high value on the Vatican stamps, so sales to collectors are an important Holy See source of income.

Although its stamps are well known the Vatican is probably the only state in the world without street addresses. Its mailmen have memorized where everybody is.

The Vatican has agreed with Italy not to print paper money, but it puts out 1,000 to 2,000 gold coins a year. These are labeled officially 100 lire in prewar values (about 15 cents now) but are worth about eight dollars each. It also issues smaller coins down to one-cent values.

Each bears a portrait of the reigning Pope. There is an agreed ceiling worked out with Italy on the value of each year's issue. Italy's money is good in the Vatican State and in turn coins bearing the portrait of the Pope circulate throughout Italy.

Rome Boasts Smallest Daily In The World

ROME (ITM) — The smallest daily in the world has started publication in Rome.

If you have a large hand you can reach from top to bottom with the points of your thumb and little finger. You can reach from side to side using only index and little finger, leaving your thumb free to scratch your chin.

It's called "La Gazzetta del Libro" and is published by the Poligrafia Italiana, in Via della Guardiola 22, Rome. As the title implies, it deals mostly with books and authors. But a lot of other news, including occasional verse, gets tucked away in its eight tight little pages.

La Gazzetta had been previously published for four years as a monthly. Success: so-so. For who can wait a month these days? One may be away, traveling in outer space next month.

Since Editor Bonatti started the Gazzetta as a daily, he has been printing 10,000 copies.

Greek Forts At Capo Soprano

SICILY, (I.T.S.) — While the temples, pottery and statuary of the ancient Greeks have come down to us in considerable number and variety, no one knew for certain how the Greeks built their fortifications until the current spade work at Capo Soprano, near Gela on the Ionian coast of Sicily, struck it rich. Here the most perfect example of double-walled city enclosure has come to light. It is in two layers, the bottom of carved stone and the top of crude bricks baked by the hot southern sun after being placed in position.

These buttresses and walls were executed under Timoleon, tyrant of Syracuse. They were started in 339 B.C. after an earlier Gela had lain in waste for 80 years following its complete destruction during the Greco-Carthaginian wars of the 5th century B.C. Timoleon, who proved to be a real neos oikistes (new founder) of cities all over southern and central Sicily, built his new Gela slightly removed from the older one in a locality where

shifting sand dunes later buried and preserved it.

So precious are the fortifications which have now come to light, that Archeologist Minissi has arranged to have them encased behind great panes of glass to protect them from the wind-driven sand. He is also covering them with a transparent roofing of undulated plastic. To try and hold the sifting sands, various types of shrubbery are being planted. The fight against Time goes on. The battles are won, the war will be lost.

JULIAN

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Army in 1942 as a private and won rapid promotion to major in the Judge Advocate General's Department.

Prior to his enlistment, Brother Julian had served as Assistant Grand Venerable. He also served the Grand Council as a member of the FUM and as a Grand Trustee.

Julian was elected Grand Venerable in 1945 and served until 1951.

"Resurrection Is Yours"

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

"I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, although he be dead, shall live." (John II, 25.)

A mistake that most Christians make is to believe that they must wait until they are dead in order to experience the Resurrection which Christ promised us. While this is true of our physical resurrection, that is the resurrection of our bodies, there is besides a spiritual resurrection which we should undergo here and now, resurrection from spiritual death caused by our sins.

As Christ called Lazarus from the tomb, "Lazarus, come forth!" and restored the dead Lazarus to life, so too, He calls to each sinner, "Come forth from the tomb of your sins; break the bonds of evil habits and the chains of vice that hold you captive; come forth from spiritual death to spiritual life."

This resurrection is yours here and now if you will obey the command of Christ, and if you will use the means which, in His loving Providence, He has provided for such a resurrection, namely, the Sacrament of confession.



FR. PALLOTTA

Hands Across The Sea

CHICKS FOR ITALY

HAZARDVILLE, Conn.—Italy's poultry market will be given a big boost in broiler output because of a special strain of White Rock chickens developed here by Pilch's Poultry Farms.

Chester W. Pilch, owner of the farm, signed a contract with Italy's largest agricultural co-operative, Consorzio Agrario Provinciale, and dispatched 10,000 pullet chicks by air to Italy.

The chicks will be used as breeding stock by the Italian feed and poultry co-operative which hopes to produce 10 million broilers in 1959.

Pilch's stock was chosen because of his development of a special strain of White Rock chickens that hold the national and world records for speed and growth.

Pilch met with an Italian delegation accompanied by H. W. Zirolli, retired U. S. Navy rear admiral living in Rome who served as interpreter. Others were Mario Tesi and Alberto Cavatorta, directors of the co-operative, and Giustiniano Federci, technical advisor in poultry for the group.

Goal Established

The Italian co-operative, Pilch said, handles 80 per cent of the poultry feed and 25 per cent of the broiler production in Italy and plans vertical integration in Italy patterned after the system used in this country. The aim is to produce 10 million broilers in 1959, using pullets from Pilch's farms and a special strain of cockerel to turn out the 10 million broiler eggs.

Pilch's White Rock pullets were decided upon because of the world record established by the strain in a test of 250 which had an average weight of 4.19 pounds at nine weeks. The strain has a top record of 275 eggs a year but Pilch said the average production will run about 200 eggs per pullet.

The first shipment of 10,000 pullet chicks, according to Pilch, will meet no more than one-fifth the demand for 10 million broiler chick eggs and it is possible total shipments to Italy this year will be about 50,000 pullets.

Because of the reputation of the White Rock strain he has developed, Pilch said he is getting orders from all parts of United States, South America and Europe.

Pilch estimated his pullet pro-

duction last year at 4,000,000. Figuring 70 per cent broiler production from that many pullets, Pilch White Rock breeding stock accounted for some 560,000,000 broilers last year.

To Hold Interest

The Hazardville poultryman said when the Italian co-operative operation gets rolling, the organization plans its own breeding stock farm using the Pilch White Rock, broad-breasted strain and Pilch said he probably will have a 50-50 interest in the Italian farm.

Europe, he said, has been importing boatloads of broilers from this country, but broiler chick production in some European countries is growing. About 50 million broiler chicks were produced in Europe last year and the production will be 60 million this year, with much of the increase coming from Pilch's stock.

Oil From The Bottom of Sea

GELA, Sicily (ITM) — Oil from the sea bottom may be extracted for the first time in Europe at a spot lying a thousand feet from the shore of Gela, in Sicily.

The floating platform from which the drill will operate has arrived from America after a two-month trip during which, with the help of tugs, it breasted several rough spots on the Atlantic.

Oil along the entire Ionian sea shelf of Sicily has been reported by geologists. Gulf Oil Co., in combination with Montecatini, is also preparing to drill off the east coast of the island between Siracusa and Cape Passero, near the extreme southern corner of the Sicilian triangle.

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The Perini Story

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The Perini Corporation of Framingham, Mass., one of the largest construction companies in the world, is playing a major role in giving a 'new look' to America's face.

The man largely responsible for the success of this multi-pronged organization is Louis R. Perini, president since 1924 and an honorary member of the Sons of Italy.

The Perini Corporation, a family organization, has been averaging \$100 million of construction a year since 1954.

It had its beginning in 1885 when Bonofiglio Perini, an Italian immigrant, landed in New York.

Bonofiglio started in as a laborer working on water supply and highway projects in New York and Massachusetts. In 1890 he settled in Boston where he met and married his wife, Celestina. The growing Perini family (there were 14 children, 10 of whom lived, five boys and five girls) established their home wherever the work was.

Bonofiglio Forms Company

In 1917, Bonofiglio established the construction company B. Perini & Sons, Inc. The boys were growing up. Louis, then 15, like the others had started at the age of six carrying water for the men. When not attending classes, he worked as a laborer, timekeeper, foreman and superintendent.

For the next seven years the company worked highway construction. The company also built the first Federal-aid hot mix, then called Topeka mix, project in Rhode Island, and later the first Federal-aid penetration-type macadam highway in Vermont.

Bonofiglio Perini died in 1924. It was a critical year for the family and the company. They had submitted a low bid of \$350,000 on a road job in the vicinity of Lakeville, Mass., the largest single project they had ever tackled. State officials were somewhat reluctant to award the contract to the Perinis because the contract was the largest yet advertised to that time. The Perini boys, Louis, president at 21, Joseph, treasurer at 24, and Fred, 32, convinced the state and a bonding company that they could perform the work. The job was successfully done, and the company has since grown into one of the largest heavy construction companies in the world.

On the Lakeville job, the youngest of the Perini boys, Charles, served as waterboy. He is now vice-president in charge of equipment.

Paving Record

In 1932 the company set a world concrete-paving record. The job was the construction of the Worcester, Mass., Turnpike. In a single eight-hour day, Perini's concrete-paving crew laid over a mile of a 10-foot-wide strip of concrete, 9 inches thick.

The following year the company branched out into the heavy construction industry, building among other projects, the core wall of the Windsor Dam for the Quabbin Reservoir, a water supply for Boston; the Murphy Dam for the New Hampshire Water Resources Board on the Connecticut Lakes; Caleb Mills Saville Dam for the Hartford Water Bureau; Birch Hill Dam in Royalston, Mass., for the U. S. Army Engineers; widening of the Cape



CHARLES B. PERINI
Vice-President

Cod Canal; enclosing the Park River in a conduit through Hartford, Conn.; the Tuscarora Mountain Vehicular Tunnel on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and the Merriman Dam Diversion Tunnel in New York.

During World War II the firm completed many war contracts at the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot in Chambersburg, Pa.; Camp Edwards, Mass.; Camp Ritchie, Md.; Camp Shanks, N. Y.; the Earl Naval Depot, N. J.; Houlton, Maine Air Base and Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

The Perini brothers, while working in the coal belt noticed the similarity between heavy construction operations and the process of strip-mining coal.

The company's large capacity earth-moving equipment was eminently adaptable to coal-stripping operations, and for several years 1,000,000 tons of high-grade coal were produced and marketed annually.

Large Coal Operation

Indicative of the magnitude of the operations, the records show that during this period funds expended to expose, mine, process and market the coal totalled \$18,000,000.

In a ten-year period, the Perini brothers, Lou, Charles and Joseph, with top management personnel developed these additional companies: Perini Limited, Toronto; Perini Quebec, Inc., Montreal; Majestic Contractors Ltd.; Bay State Dredging & Contracting (Perini's Marine Division) Ceril-Perini Assoc., Inc.; Perini-Westward Developers Inc., W. Palm Beach, Florida; Perini Pacific and Milwaukee Braves.

In the period 1954-58, the Perini Corporation amassed a record of \$500 million of completed construction... an average of \$100 million per year for five years. In 1958 Perini recorded \$90 million of construction both domestic and foreign.

The Perini Corporation employs a labor force of some 8,500 workers, and in addition maintains a permanent staff of 750 people.

The diversification of contracting operations in the construction industry today is reflected in the scope of Perini's operations which now extend from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wisconsin, California, Canada, Iran and Australia.

Work Team

During recent years Lou Perini's company has become associated either as a sponsor or as a member of joint ventures with

such outstanding names in the construction industry as Walsh, Morrison-Knudsen, Kiewit, Kaiser, Utah, Bates & Rogers, Raymond, Arthur Johnson, Macco, General, Tompkins, Mannix, S. J. Groves, Jones, Mills, Blythe Brothers and Johnson and Drake & Piper.

Some of the projects completed or under completion in these joint ventures are the Delaware Aqueduct Tunnel, \$44 million; Downs-ville Dam Core Wall, \$13 million; Squirrel Hill Vehicular Tunnel in Pittsburgh, \$20 million; Hultman Water Tunnel in Boston, \$10 million; Jim Woodruff Dam, Florida, \$25 million; Toronto Subway, \$15 million.

Also, the Clark Hill Dam, Georgia, \$26 million; Fairless Steel Works, Morrisville, Pa., \$70 million; Sir Adam Beck Water Tunnels, Niagara Falls, Ontario, \$45 million; Chief Joseph Power House, \$40 million; Garrison Dam Power House, \$10 million; Long Sault Dam, St. Lawrence Seaway, \$26 million; Barnhart Island Power Plant, St. Lawrence Seaway, \$36 million; Power house and pressure tunnel, Peribonka River, Quebec, \$63 million; Dam and water tunnel, New South Wales, Australia, \$56 1/4 million; Metropolitan Water Tunnel, Clinton to Marlboro, Mass., \$16 million.

The building division of the corporation has built almost every kind of structure since 1946. The latest venture of the organization is the \$350 million West Palm Beach Westward Expansion project in Florida.

\$15 Million for Equipment

In the process of construction of all types the Perini Corporation expenditure for all kinds of material for one year was \$50 million. A construction contractor like Perini, whose work extends from coast to coast and three separate continents requires a wide variety of construction equipment. Because of the many different types of jobs, the Perini Corporation has invested more than \$15 million in over 3,750 pieces of equipment of all types.

In 1957 the organization purchased \$7 1/2 million of equipment and in 1958 over \$1 1/2 million went into additional equipment. Charles Perini, vice-president in charge of equipment administers this vast inventory of machinery, its distribution and maintenance.

The Perini Corporation has been written about in a number of the leading trade publications. The latest story on the organization appeared in the January edition of Construction Methods and Equipment magazine.

Louis Perini makes his home in Wellesley, Mass., with his wife, the former Miss Florence Gardetto. They have seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Elda Perini have six children, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Andrea Perini have four children.

Louis Perini has been a director of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation (the Jimmy Fund) since 1948. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Cancer Society at Toronto, and a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Committee of Catholics, Protestants and Jews, a group promoting racial and religious understanding. In 1953 St. Anselm's College awarded him an



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Louis R. Perini, President of Perini Corporation

honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of his outstanding humanitarianism and distinguished community service.

The Perini brothers also are owners of the Milwaukee Braves. Louis, in 1943, had taken over

the Boston Braves with two other Boston contractors and was named president of the organization. Nine years later the Perini brothers gained full control of the club. In 1953 the brothers moved the Braves to Milwaukee.

Providence, R. I.

Pettine Urges Enactment Of Strong Obscenity Laws

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Grand Orator Raymond J. Pettine of the Rhode Island Order in a recent speech here urged enactment of strong obscenity laws to stamp out what he described as "cheap literature."

Pettine, assistant attorney general of Rhode Island and a member of OSIA NEWS Committee, said that easily accessible sex magazines are "one of the malignant forces," contributing to juvenile delinquency.

Brother Pettine quoted J. Edgar Hoover, Sen. Estes Kefauver and other leaders to show that their influence on teenagers is no exaggeration.

Both parents, and the state have great responsibility in the matter of cheap magazines and the state, Mr. Pettine said, can assume its responsibility by enacting strong obscenity laws. "And," he added, "it's no more foolish to say you can't legislate morals than it is to say you can't

legislate against larceny or murder."

"Would you oppose laws prohibiting the sale of liquor to a 16-year-old?" the speaker asked. "Would you hesitate to give a youngster a fully loaded gun? And yet would you debate the issue when you realize the law is aimed at preventing great harm, the destruction of the thinking and morals of a teenager?"

"How can a community honestly feel it is a democracy if it ignores the moral standards of its children?" Mr. Pettine also asked. "Democracy, with all its individual rights, freedom, safeguards, can mean nothing if we destroy the morals of our youth."

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